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Project:

RAC Contract No. 68-W5-0022

Work Assignment No. 116-RIRI-08BC

DCN:

3282-116-CO-EPOU-16214

Subject:

CDM's Performance of Construction at the Libby Asbestos Site,

Operable Unit 4, Libby, Montana

## Dear Mr. Christiansen:

At your request, CDM has investigated the issues surrounding its ability to perform construction at the Libby Asbestos Site and received direction from CDM's Office of General Counsel and Office of the Chairman regarding this work, as follows:

- CDM can conduct non-asbestos construction work.
- CDM can perform asbestos construction work as long as EPA provides CDM with indemnification for the uninsurable and unbondable risks, i.e. primarily long-term asbestos-related claims.

At present, the considerable uncertainty in the insurance and bonding market does not allow CDM to quantify the potential risks. We will continue to watch the market closely and continuously seek ways in which to quantify the risks so that we can assist EPA on this project. We will keep you apprised of any developments.



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If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please fee free to call.

Very truly yours,

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